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CHIEF ON NSS ISSUES

CTB MESSAGE NO.222

1. ON MAY 24 COL. TARASOV, WHO HEADS SOVIET DELEGATION
TECHNICAL EFFORT, MET WITH GILLER OF US DEL AT LATTER'S
REQUEST. GILLER INDICATED THAT WE WERE ENDEAVORING TO
OBTAIN THE BLUEPRINTS THE SOVIETS HAD REQUESTED OF THE NSS
STATION THE US WAS DEVELOPING. TARASOV REPLIED THAT HE
HOPED THEY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TECHNICAL SPECIFI-
CATIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES. THESE WOULD BE NEEDED TO
UNDERSTAND THE DESIGN. GILLER SAID WE WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO PROVIDING THIS, BUT IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOP-
MENTAL STAGE THE EQUIPMENT WAS IN HE WAS NOT SURE SUCH
MATERIAL WAS AVAILABLE AND HE WOULD INQUIRE.

2. WITH REGARD TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT THE US DESIGN AND
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MANUFACTURE THE EQUIPMENT, TARASOV WAS CAREFUL TO POINT
OUT THAT THIS HAD NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIETS
BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF THEY DID SO, THE TREATY COULD
NOT EXPLICITLY REFER TO THE ACQUISITION OF US EQUIPMENT.
HE THEN INQUIRED AS TO US THINKING WITH REGARD TO FUNDING,
SPARE PARTS, MAINTENANCE SERVICE, ETC., STRESSING THE
PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF COMPLEX

EQUIPMENT OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURE. HE HOPED THE US HAD KEPT THIS FACTOR IN MIND IN CONSIDERING ITS "DESIGN". TARASOV EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE VOLUME OF DATA TO BE HANDLED AND THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF ITS AUTOMATIC INTERNATIONAL TRANSMISSION. WHILE NOT REJECTING THE CONCEPT OF AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HE SAID THAT NSS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS AN EXTENSION OF NTM AND THUS ITS COST SHOULD BE RELATED TO ITS SUPPLEMENTARY VALUE. WHEN TARASOV INQUIRED AS TO FINANCING, GILLER RESPONDED THAT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, US WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE INITIAL FUNDS FOR START UP OF MANUFACTURE BUT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM ASSUMING THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON WHAT SOVIETS WOULD CONTRIBUTE. JOHNSON

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